

His duties.

vote his entire attention to the business; to abandon all prior engagements that may conflict with the interest of the board; to aid and assist counsel in the preparation and trial of all suits that may be directed by the board; to collect information as to the location and value of all said lands; to survey or have surveyed such tracts of said lands, or such other lands necessary to ascertain the location of lands belonging to the board, as he may deem necessary, under the direction of the board; he shall make reports from time to time to the board, of all the information he obtains, with such suggestions as he may deem proper; he shall prepare a statement of each tract of land owned by the board, and its location, quantity, as well as ascertained, and probable value, distinguishing between those tracts the title to which is doubtful or good; and this statement shall be recorded by him in a book to be kept by the board, and in a manner, by index or otherwise, easy for reference.

Compensation.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted*, That the agent may be removed by the board at any time, and another appointed to supply the vacancy, paying the agent removed a *pro rata* compensation. The agency may be continued in the discretion of the board of literature. The compensation of the agent shall not exceed one thousand dollars; and, besides his salary, he shall receive no other compensation for what he is required to do or have done as aforesaid, except the necessary incidental expenses of surveys required as aforesaid, (not including surveyor's fees,) shall be paid by the board.

Prosecution of claims.

SEC. 3. *Be it further enacted*, That the president and directors of the literary fund shall have full power and authority to agree with any person to prosecute their claim to any swamp lands in any county or counties, or to survey and identify their lands in such counties, allowing to each person a share of any such land, as a compensation for his services.

SEC. 3. *Be it further enacted*, That this act shall be in force from and after its ratification. [*Ratified the 16th day of February, 1855.*]

TITLES TO LANDS HERETOFORE ENTERED.

Chap. 49. AN ACT TO EXTEND THE TIME FOR PERFECTING TITLES TO LANDS HERETOFORE ENTERED.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of North-Carolina, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same*, That all persons who have made entries of vacant lands, and paid the purchase money to the State for the same, since the first day of January, 1840, shall have